

DBH Central Office Monthly Update for BHBs

June 2020

COVID-19

- The Department of Health and Welfare has opened a COVID-19 Behavioral Health Hotline help connect Idaho Residents with needed resources during this unusual and stressful time. Anonymous and confidential assistance for all, regardless of situation, is available from trained professionals ready to assist. Individuals experiencing anxiety, loneliness, worry, or any type of mental health or substance use disorder distress are encouraged to reach out.
 - **Idaho COVID-19 Hotline: 888-330-3010**
 - Additional Resources:
 - Idaho Care Line: 2-1-1 or www.211.idaho.gov
 - Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline: 2-1-1 or 208-398-4357
 - Optum Idaho Member Crisis Line: 855-202-0973

Idaho Tobacco Project

- Amendments approved for Chapter 57, Title 39 Idaho Code, "Prevention of Minors' Access to Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices"
 - Tobacco Definition expanded to include e-cigarettes and nicotine products
 - Will go into effect 7/1/20
- The amended Statute requires DBH to now issue vape permits in addition to tobacco permits. All Idaho Tobacco-related protocols, business practices, contracts/agreement, and retailer/public information has to be updated to reflect the change
- Implementation planning is currently underway including updating the permitting system to include this new type of permit and getting all the necessary information out for retailers and prospective permittees.
 - Questions can be directed to Alacia Handy: Alacia.Handy@dhw.idaho.gov

Idaho's Response to the Opioid Crisis (IROC)

- The SAMHSA 2020 State Opioid Response Grant which was due May 19, 2020, was completed and submitted. If awarded, this will mark the 3rd year of the grant in Idaho. This is a 2-year grant, starting Sept. 1, 2020 and ending August 31, 2022. Idaho is eligible to receive \$7,845,696.
 - As in past SOR grants, the purpose is increasing access to medication-assisted treatment using FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (OUD). This program also supports evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support services to address stimulant misuse and use disorders, including for cocaine and methamphetamine.
- DBH has posted a funding opportunity announcement for enhancing evidence-based, best practices prevention initiatives in after-school programs within Idaho. We are currently evaluating applications for this opportunity. This is a competitive funding opportunity; one (1) subgrant recipient will be selected based on the applicants identified severity of need, proposed curriculum, funding amount requested, and final application evaluation results. The available funding is \$565,000.00.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Support Services

- DBH applied for and was awarded a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) emergency grant. The division will receive \$2 million for the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan of evidence-based mental and/or substance use disorder treatment services for individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. DBH plans to implement a three-pronged approach to bring needed resources to Idahoans during this time of crisis.
 - 1. Emergency Department Behavioral Health Diversion and Triage
 - 2. Access to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment
 - 3. Access to Behavioral Health Services for Professionals Contracting efforts are underway with BPAH for the Access to SUD treatment and the Access to Behavioral Health Services for Professionals portion of this funding.
- The State of Emergency declaration due to COVID-19 allows for the temporary suspension of the state statute titled the Alcohol and Intoxication Act (AITA) that requires co-pays based on a state waiver that would allow for provider reimbursement at 100% rather than the adjusted amount based on the client's income. IDHW will temporarily suspend co-pays for Mental Health and SUD clients. IDOC and IDJC do not apply client copays to their SUD funding and ISC has not indicated what their practice is.
- If you have questions, please contact Sherry Johnson - sherry.johnson@dhw.idaho.gov

Certified Peers and Family Support Partners

- Optum has begun development of Youth Peers for Idaho. There is no current IDAPA rule allowing for a certificate designating a Peer as a Youth Peer, however Optum will be providing specialized training course that will target specific on working with Youth.
- Utilizing Peer and Recovery Coaches in providing services to individuals with behavioral health needs has been proven to be a very effective addition to traditional services. Please contact BPA Health or Ben Skaggs if you need assistance with identifying Certified Peers in your Region – Benjamin.Skaggs@dhw.idaho.gov.

